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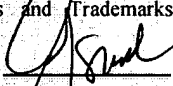
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Docket No.: 18240/Mathys

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re: Application of : David Ian FLYNN, et al.
Serial No. : 10/014,387 Group Art Unit:
Filed : December 11, 2001 Examiner:
For : FILTERED CATHODE ARC SOURCE
DEPOSITION APPARATUS

New York, New York
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
PETITION UNDER RULE 47 (a)**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Decision Refusing Status Under Rule 47(a) mailed August 23, 2002, attached hereto for filing in this application are:

1. Supplemental Declaration of Alan Israel setting forth facts proving that the inventor, Mr. Fulton, cannot be reached despite diligent effort (item No. 1).
2. Declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and 116 (item No. 2).

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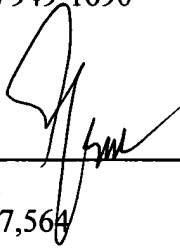
3. Statement of Last Known Address of the non-signing inventor, Mr. Fulton (item No. 5). See paragraph No. 5 of the Supplemental Declaration of A. Israel.

Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Decision to December 23, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00, as the Petition fee for the time extension, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of these documents, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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